

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joseph E. Schmitz, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, and 34 military nominations in the Army Reserve.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of John Magaw, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 3552–3609; 1 private bill, H.R. 3610; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80–81; H. Con. Res. 295–298, and H. Res. 326–329, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, Pastor, St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Washington, D.C.

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DOD Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3338, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 510.

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Agreed to H. Res. 324, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by voice vote.

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Making Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 79, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002.

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Agreed to H. Res. 323, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by voice vote.

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Sine Die Adjournment of the First Session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 295, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

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Convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress: The House passed H.J. Res. 80, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

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Agreed to H. Res. 322, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on the legislative day of December 19. Earlier agreed to vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on H.R. 3423, H.R. 2561, and H.R. 1432 to the end that the Chair put the question on each of those measures de novo.

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Honoring Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building: S. 1714, to provide for the installation of a plaque to honor Dr. James Harvey Early in the Williamsburg, Kentucky Post Office Building—clearing the measure for the President;

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Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building, Valdosta, Georgia: H.R. 1432, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the "Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building;"

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Office of Government Ethics Authorization: S. 1202, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006—clearing the measure for the President;

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Commending the Crew of the USS Enterprise Battle Group and Armed Forces Prosecuting the War: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the service of the crew members of the USS Enterprise Battle Group during its extended deployment for the war effort in Afghanistan. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A concurrent resolution recognizing the excellent service of members of the Armed Forces

who are prosecuting the war to end terrorism and protecting the security of the nation; **Pages H10935–36**

Coast Guard Authorization Act for FY 2002: H.R. 3507, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2002; **Page H10936**

Monitoring Iraqi Weapons Development: H.J. Res. 75, amended, regarding the monitoring of weapons development in Iraq, as required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991) (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 12 nays with 7 voting “present,” Roll No. 511). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A joint resolution regarding inspection and monitoring to prevent the development of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; **Page H10936**

Redacting Financial Disclosure Statements: Agreeing to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2336, to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers (The Senate amended the title so as to read: An Act to extend for 4 years, through December 31, 2005, the authority to redact financial disclosure statements to judicial employees and judicial officers); **Page H10936**

Eligibility of Reservists and their Dependents for Burial in Arlington National Cemetery: H.R. 3423, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility of certain veterans and their dependents for burial in Arlington National Cemetery; Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility of certain Reservists and their dependents for burial in Arlington National Cemetery; **Pages H10936–37**

Living American Hero Appreciation Act: H.R. 2561, amended, to increase the rate of special pension for recipients of the medal of honor, to authorize those recipients to be furnished an additional medal for display purposes, and to increase the criminal penalties associated with misuse or fraud relating to the medal of honor. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of special pension for recipients of the medal of Honor and to make that special pension effective from the date of the act for which the recipient is awarded the Medal of honor and to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties associated with misuse or fraud relating to the Medal of Honor; **Page H10937**

Qualified Organ Procurement Organizations: H.R. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to qualified organ procurement organizations; **Page H10937**

Nurse Reinvestment Act: H.R. 3487, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the field of nursing; **Page H10937**

Year of the Rose: H. Con. Res. 292, supporting the goals of the Year of the Rose; and **Page H10937**

Higher Education Relief Opportunities: S. 1793, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001. **Page H10938**

Suspension Failed—Higher Education Act Amendments: The House failed to suspend the rules and S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders by a recorded vote of 257 yeas to 148 nays (2/3 required to pass), Roll No. 512. **Pages H10937–38**

Committee to Notify the President: The House agreed to H. Res. 327, providing for a committee of two Members to be appointed by the House to inform the President that the two houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them. Subsequently the Speaker appointed Majority Leader Armer and Minority Leader Gephardt to the Committee. **Page H10938**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that until the day the House convenes for the Second Session of the 107th Congress, and notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader may accept resignations and make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H10938**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Appointment: Agreed that until the day the House convenes for the Second Session of the 107th Congress the Speaker, pursuant to clause 11 of Rule 10 and clause 11 of rule 1, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1) of Rule 10, may appoint a member to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to fill the existing vacancy thereon. **Page H10938**

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the Congressional Record authorized for the First Session by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the First Session Sine Die. **Page H10938**

Resolutions Reported by the Committee on Rules: Agreed that the following resolutions be laid on the table: H. Res. 291, R. Res. 317, H. Res. 318, and H. Res. 321. **Page H10938**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tom Davis of Virginia or if not available to perform this duty, Representative Wayne Gilchrest to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions until the day the House convenes for the second session of the 107th Congress. **Page H10938**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m. **Page H10953**

Victims of Terrorism Relief Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2884, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001—clearing the measure for the President.

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Adjournment Sine Die Pending Receipt of Senate Message: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2001, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its passage without amendment of House Joint Resolution 79, in which case the House shall stand adjourned *sine die* pursuant to H. Con. Res. 295. **Pages H10953–54**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10953.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10933–34, H10936, and H10937–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 5:08 p.m. pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 4

p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2001, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its passage without amendment of H.J. Res. 79, in which case the House shall stand adjourned for the first session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress *sine die* pursuant to H. Con. Res. 295. **Page H10960**

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of December 17, 2001, p. D1263)

H.R. 717, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–84)

H.R. 1766, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4270 John Marr Drive in Annandale, Virginia, as the “Stan Parris Post Office Building”. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–85)

H.R. 2261, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2853 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia, as the “Earl T. Shinhoster Post Office”. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–86)

H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–87)

H.R. 2454, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5472 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Congressman Julian C. Dixon Post Office Building”. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–88)

H.J. Res. 71, amending title 36, United States Code, to designate September 11 as Patriot Day. Signed on December 18, 2001. (Public Law 107–89)